On page 6, in line 8, delete "crosslinked" and insert therefor --cross-linked--.

On page 6, in line 10, delete "As UV/EB curing of printing ink binders" and insert therefor --As printing ink binders cured by UV/EB--.

On page 7, in line 1, delete "crosslinking" and insert therefor -- cross-linking--.

On page 7, in line 3, delete "crosslinking" and insert therefor --cross-linking--.

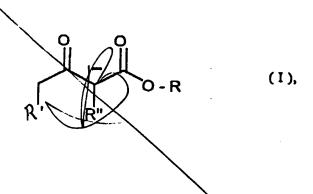
On page 7, in line 28, before "inoculation" delete "ap"

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-7 as follows:

(Amended) A Composition [containing] comprising:

(A) one or more aluminium compounds with [at least one] three ligands per aluminium atom of the following kind:



[whereby] wherein R [stands for] is a [C1] \underline{C}_{1-} to [C12] \underline{C}_{12-} hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, [dd] and R and R", independent of one another, stand for H and/or one [C1] \underline{C}_{1-} to [C4] \underline{C}_{4-} hydrocarbon residue, and

(B) one or more glycol ether compounds.

(Amended) The [Compositions] composition according to [Claim] claim 1, wherein the aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition [with] in at least 50% by weight, [preferably 75% by weight,] relative in each case to the sum of the components (A) and (B).

- 3. (Amended) The [Compositions] composition according to [one] any of [the above] claims 1 or 2, wherein the aluminium compound is aluminium tris(methyl-aceto acetate) and/or aluminium tris(ethyl-aceto acetate).
- (Amended) The [Composition] composition according to [one] any of [the above] claims 4. 1 or 2, wherein the glycol ether compound is a compound which comprises n -(-X-O-)- units, wherein X may be different for each n and stands for a substituted or unsubstituted saturated [C1] \underline{C}_{1-} to [C6, preferably C2 to C4,] \underline{C}_{6-} hydrocarbon, and n stands for an integer from 1 to 10[, preferably 2 to 4].
- 5. (Amended) The [Composition] composition according to [one of the above] claim[s] 4, wherein the glycol ether compound is dipropylene glycol-mono-n-butyl ether and/or diethylene glycol-mono-n-butyl ether.
- (Amended) The [Composition] composition according to [one] any of [the above] claims or 2, wherein the composition additionally contains polyester of poly-acrylic acid ester compounds.

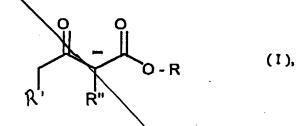
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7. (Amended) The [Composition] composition according to [one] any of [the above] claims 1 or 2, wherein the compound additionally contains colour-giving additives such as carbon black, morganic pigments, organic pigments and/or soluble organic dyes.

Please cancel Claims 8-14

Please add the following new claims, 15-22:

- 15. A composition according to claim 4, wherein said substituted or unsubstituted saturated hydrocarbon contains 2 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 16. The composition of claim 4, wherein n is from 2 to 4.
- The composition of any of claims 1 or 2 wherein aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition in at least 75% by weight.
- 18. A method for the manufacture of an aluminium compound with at least one ligand per aluminium atom having the following structure:



wherein R is a C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, and R' and R", independent of one another, stand for H and/or one C_1 to C_4

hydrocarbon residue comprising reacting a C_1 to C_{12} aluminium alkylate with a 3-oxo-carbonic acid ester compound at a temperature of above 140°C in the presence of a glycol ether compound.

- 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein the temperature is above 160°C.
- The method according to claim 18 wherein the temperature is above 140 °C for 1 to 10 hours during or after conversion.
- 21. The method according to claim 20 wherein the temperature is above 140°C for 4 to 8 hours.

A composition produced by any of claims 18-2

Remarks

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

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